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UM ASSOCIATE DEAN EARNS INDIAN NAME

MISSOULA--

Canada's Siksika Nation of the Blackfoot Confederacy recently honored Dave Strobel, associate dean of The University of Montana's Graduate School, with an Indian name, "Sacred Juniper."

The rare honor recognizes creation of a partnership between UM and the Siksika Nation promoting the health care education of tribal students.

Chris McHugh, the tribe's Horn Society leader, conducted the naming ceremony, held April 1 at the Siksika Community Center on the Siksika Reserve in Alberta.

The decision to honor Strobel was made by Chief Adrian Stimson; Tyler White, director of Siksika Health Services; and the Holy Societies of Siksika.

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